

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0038] through [0045] with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0038] The rubber element 1 is thus built. The rubber element 1 is inserted radially inward in the space C between the drive rib 18 and the driven rib 19. Bolts 22 are passed through the holes 2b formed in the attaching lugs 2a and are screwed in threaded holes, not shown, formed in the outer end surfaces of the drive rib 18 and the driven rib 19 to fasten the rubber element 1 to the drive rib 18 and the driven rib 19. The drive rib 18 and the driven rib 19 are provided with recesses 18a and 19a, respectively. Through holes, not shown, having axes perpendicular to the mounting plates 2 are formed in the recesses 18a and 19a, respectively. The fastening screws 21 are passed through the holes and are screwed in the threaded ~~holes 2b~~ holes 2c of the mounting plates 2 to hold the mounting plates 2 in close contact with the respective inner surfaces of the ribs 18 and 19.

[0039] Fig. 2A is an enlarged sectional view of a part of a rubber ~~element 1~~ element in a second embodiment according to the present invention where a rubber ~~member 4~~ member 4' is bonded to a peripheral ~~part 2e~~ part 2'e of a mounting ~~plate 2~~ plate 2'. The rubber ~~element 1~~ element in the second embodiment differs from the rubber element 1 in the first embodiment in that the rubber ~~member 4~~ member 4' is not bonded to a vertical ~~surface 2f~~ surface 2'f of the peripheral ~~part 2e~~ part 2'e as shown in Fig. 2A. When the rubber ~~member 4~~ member 4' is compressed, a part of the rubber ~~member 4~~ member 4' is allowed to deform freely. Such a deformation of the rubber ~~member 4~~ member 4' is similar to that of a rubber ~~member 4~~ member 4'' having a ~~part 4s~~ part 4"s extending over the end ~~surface 2h~~ surface 2"h of the mounting ~~plate 2~~ plate 2'' as shown in Fig. 2B is tensioned or compressed. The ~~part 4s~~ part 4"s of the rubber ~~member 4~~ member 4'' in contact with the end ~~surface 2h~~ surface 2"h of the mounting ~~plate 2~~ plate 2'' undergoes shearing force acting in a direction parallel to the

tensioning and compressing directions. Since displacement is dependent on the elastic modulus of the rubber ~~element 1, element~~, only a strain similar to that produced when a compressive stress is induced is produced when a shearing stress is induced. Therefore, a greatly reduced stress is induced in the ~~part 4s-part 4"s~~ of the rubber ~~member 4, member 4"~~. The stress that will be induced in the ~~part 4s-part 4"s~~ of the rubber ~~member 4-member 4"~~ is not greater than one third of a stress that will be induced in a conventional rubber element.

[0040] Figs. 3A to 3C show a rubber ~~element 1'-element 1'''~~ in a third embodiment according to the present invention. The rubber ~~element 1'-element 1'''~~ in the third embodiment is basically the same as the rubber element 1 in the first embodiment and differs from the rubber element 1 in the first embodiment only in that mounting ~~plates 2-plates 2'''~~ thereof are square and has a radial dimension smaller than that of the mounting plates 2 of the rubber element 1 in the first embodiment.

[0041] Figs. 4A to 4C show a rubber ~~element 1"-element 1''''~~ in a fourth embodiment according to the present invention. The rubber ~~element 1"-element 1''''~~ in the fourth embodiment includes a rubber ~~member 4-member 4''''~~ provided with a plurality of through holes 5, and metal sleeves 6 fitted in the through holes 5 to form cooling air passages. The rubber ~~element 1"-element 1''''~~ in the fourth embodiment is the same as the rubber ~~element 1'-element 1'''~~ in the third embodiment in other respects.

[0042] Fig. 5 is a sectional view of a rubber element in a fifth embodiment according to the present invention. The rubber element in the fifth embodiment differs from the rubber elements in other embodiments in that mounting ~~plates 2-plates 2''''~~ thereof are provided with semispherical protrusions 3-1, respectively. In Fig. 5, parts like or corresponding to those of the other embodiments are designated by ~~the same~~ similar reference characters and the description thereof will be omitted.

[0043] Fig. 6 is a partly sectional perspective view of a rubber element in a sixth embodiment according to the present invention. The rubber element in the sixth embodiment differs from other embodiments only in that mounting ~~plates 2~~plates 2'''' thereof are provided respectively with ridges 3-2 having a substantially rectangular cross section in middle parts of the inner surfaces thereof with respect to a radial direction r and extending between the opposite sides thereof in a direction w parallel to the width thereof extending in parallel to an axis about which flanges rotate. In Fig. 6, parts like or corresponding to those of the other embodiments are designated by ~~the same~~similar reference characters and the description thereof will be omitted.

[0044] Fig. 7 is a sectional view of a rubber element in a seventh embodiment according to the present invention. The rubber element in the seventh embodiment differs from other embodiments only in that mounting ~~plates 2~~plates 2'''' thereof are provided respectively, instead of semispherical protrusions, with teardrop-shaped protrusions 3-3 having an asymmetric cross section gradually sloping radially outward in a radial direction r in central parts of the inner surfaces thereof. In Fig. 7, parts like or corresponding to those of the other embodiments are designated by ~~the same~~similar reference characters and the description thereof will be omitted.

[0045] A rubber element in a modification of the first or the third embodiment may include mounting ~~plates 2~~plates similar to those of the rubber elements shown in Figs. 5 to 7 not having any parts like the stepped peripheral ~~part 2e~~part 2e and the stepped peripheral part 2'''e.